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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re application of:

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Examiner: W. Chen

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO  
PRIORITIZE VIDEO INFORMATION  
DURING CODING AND DECODING

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Kindly amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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4. (Twice amended) The method claim 1, wherein the bitstream is output to a channel and the priority data identifies which video object layer data ~~may be discarded~~ to discard in the event of channel congestion.

5. (Twice amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the bitstream is output to a channel and the priority data identifies which video object layer data ~~may be discarded~~ to discard in the event of loss of channel bandwidth.

6. (Twice amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the bitstream is output to a channel and the priority data identifies which video object layer data ~~may be discarded~~ to discard in the event of channel errors.